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SUBJ: KUWAIT-IRAQ BORDER SITUATION

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1. KUWAIT FONMIN SABAH AL-AHMAD TOLD ME HE STILL OPTIMISTIC
BORDER AGREEMENT CAN BE WORKED OUT WITH IRAQ IN DUE COURSE.
HE SAID KUWAIT WANTS DEMARCATED BORDER AS WELL AS ABOUT 500
MILLION GALLONS PER YEAR OF FRESH WATER FROM SHATT AL-ARAB.
IN EXCHANGE, KUWAIT MIGHT BE WILLING TO LEASE ONE ISLAND
(PRESUMABLY WARBA) TOGETHER WITH A TWO KILOMETER OFF-SHORE
AREA TO IRAQ AND TO AGREE TO IRAQI OIL PIPELINE ACROSS KUWAIT,
TERMINATING IN TANKER LOADING FACILITY IN KUWAIT BAY.

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2. FONMIN SAID PROPOSED PIPELINE ARRANGEMENT WOULD BE "BETTER
THAN ORIGINAL 1964 PROPOSAL" GRANTING IRAQ BROAD PRIVILEGES IN

KUWAIT WHICH GOK THOUGHT CLEARLY WOULD HAVE IMPINGED ON SOVEREIGNTY. NEW ARRANGEMENT WOULD PRESUMABLY PROVIDE FOR MORE LIMITED FACILITIES.

3. THERE HAVE BEEN INDICATIONS IN PRESS AND ELSEWHERE THAT MEETING BETWEEN KUWAITI CROWN PRINCE/PRIME MINISTER JABER AL-AHMAD AND IRAQI VICE PRESIDENT SADDAM HUSSAIN WOULD TAKE PLACE ON KUWAITI-IRAQI BORDER, AND THAT SUCH A MEETING COULD ACCOMPLISH AN AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE THAT WOULD LEAD TO KIND OF SETTLEMENT MENTIONED ABOVE. TO DATE, HOWEVER, THERE IS NO FIRM INFORMATION AS TO WHETHER, AND WHEN, SUCH MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE.
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